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The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

(1) Takada et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,973,833, issued November 27, 1990;

Applicant also wishes to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

(2) Nakamura et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,289,286, issued February 22, 1994; and

(3) Takebe et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,861,621, issued January 19, 1999.

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